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31/115. High-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council

At its 62nd meeting, on 23 March 2016, the Human Rights Council decided to adopt the following text:

"*The Human Rights Council,*

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, and recalling all other international human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006, by which the Assembly decided to establish the Human Rights Council,

Noting that June 2016 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council,

Emphasizing that the tenth anniversary offers an important opportunity to underline and reiterate the commitment to the universal promotion and protection of the human rights of all and to reflect on the achievements and challenges of the Human Rights Council,

Emphasizing also the need for reinforced efforts to meet the goal of the full realization of all human rights for all,

Recalling the creation of the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund to Support the Participation of Least Developed Countries and Small Island Developing States in the Work of the Human Rights Council,[1] aimed at enabling fuller participation of all Member States in the work of the Council,

1. *Decides* to convene, on the first day of its thirty-second session, a high-level panel discussion on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council,

[1] See Human Rights Council resolution 19/26.

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focused on its achievements and challenges, with the participation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

2. *Encourages* on the occasion of the tenth anniversary the participation of all Member States, including Member States that do not have a mission in Geneva, in the work of the Human Rights Council, including in the high-level panel discussion;

3. *Requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to organize the panel discussion, and to liaise with States and other stakeholders with a view to ensuring their participation in it;

4. *Also requests* the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report on the panel discussion in the form of a summary."

[Adopted without a vote.]